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1. WE DISCUSSED WITH BARROMI, MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION POLITICAL AFFAIRS, THE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE LIKELY TO ARISE AT THE 31ST UNGA. (AMBASSADOR KIDRON, POLITICAL ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, WITH WHOM WE USUALLY WOULD DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT, HAD ALREADY DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK.) BARROMI TOOK NOTE OF OUR REPRESENTATION AND MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN RESPONSE.

2. KOREA. BARROMI SAID THE SOUTH KOREANS HAVE APPROACHED ISRAEL TO SOLICIT SUPPORT AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE SAID THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT KOREA ITSELF HAS APPROACHED THEM, RATHER THAN RELYING ON THE UNITED STATES, AND THIS IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

3. PANAMA. BARROMI ASKED WHETHER OUR INDICATIONS ARE THAT PANAMA WOULD BE RAISED AS AN AGENDA ITEM. WE SAID WE DID NOT HAVE CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT WOULD BE THE CASE BUT
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WISHED TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN IN CASE IT DID ARISE AND

SO THAT OUR VIEWS COULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN CORRIDOR AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS. BARROMI COMMENTED IT WAS EASY FOR ISRAEL TO OPPOSE PANAMA ON THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE OF THE UNFAILING OPPOSITION OF PANAMA TO ISRAEL ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS.

4. ZIONISM/RACISM. BARROMI SAID ISRAEL SUPPORTED STRONGLY OUR VIEW THAT WE SHOULD ADHERE TO THE CONSENSUS WHICH EXISTED DURING THE 28TH UNGA TO DEFINE RACISM. HE ADDED THAT ISRAEL BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IF THAT CONSENSUS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, THEN THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A DRAFT RESOLUTION, WHICH WOULD FORMALLY DEFINE RACISM AS IT IS TO BE USED IN THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND SOCIAL DISCRIMINATION.

5. POSSIBLE ISRAEL SUSPENSION. BARROMI SAID ISRAEL SHARES OUR VIEW THAT, AT THIS TIME, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO EXPLICIT CALL FOR SUSPENSION. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, WHAT OUR REACTION TO ISRAELI SUSPENSION WOULD BE IF IT SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED. WE RESPONDED THAT ANY SUCH EFFORT WOULD WEAKEN U.S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE UN. BARROMI SAID HE AGREED WITH SUCH WORDING AND SAID THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE STRONG BUT UNCLEAR FORMULATIONS ON THIS POINT.

6. SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE NOTED THAT RECENT INTERVIEWS GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON AND BY ISRAELI UN AMBASSADOR HERZOG, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN ISRAEL, APPEARED TO INDICATE THAT ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. BARROMI REPLIED THESE PRESS REPORTS ARE NOT QUITE ACCURATE ISRAEL WILL NOT TAKE THE OFFENSIVE; ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE SUBJECT IS RAISED--AS HE FULLY EXPECTS--ISRAEL WILL NOT EXPRESS ANY REGRET FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA BUT WILL CLEARLY STATE WHAT ITS GOALS ARE AND WILL REFER PUBLICLY TO THE TIES WHICH AFRICAN AND ARAB STATES THEMSELVES HAVE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
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